

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 19, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 22-28 are pending in the application. Claims 22-28 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 22-28 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter.

The Examiner objects to the disclosure because related figures are referred to individually and collectively. The Examiner points out that this approach is proper under 37 CFR §1.74, but suggests that clarity and consistency in the disclosure could be promoted by referring to individual figures. Although not required of the Applicant, Appropriate corrections have been made in order to facilitate allowance.

Claims 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Specifically, the Examiner states that the claims improperly use the trademark JAVA®. However, the Examiner also states that Applicant's recited "Java® method[s]" is interpreted as "object-oriented programming environment method[s]". Applicant has amended the claims accordingly, thereby obviating any potential misuse of trademarks and also making explicit that the claims are not limited to the Java programming language. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and that the claims be allowed.

Claims 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner states that the claimed framework constitutes a computer program representing a computer listing *per se*. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims to recite that the framework is contained on a computer readable medium. Illustrative computer readable mediums are provided in the specification on, for example, page 6, line 27 through page 7, line 9. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and that the claims be allowed.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the

primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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